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Importance of Educational Technology

Technology opens paths of innovation, creation and collaboration across the world, while increasing motivation among learners in various educational settings.

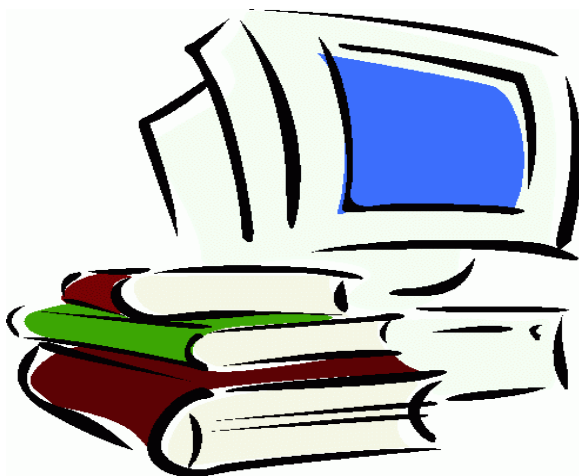


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Further Resources

Word Clouds

- <http://worditout.com/> (make gifts out of word clouds)
- <http://www.tagxedo.com/> (use images as a shape for word clouds)
- <http://drctedd.wordpress.com/2011/05/03/tech-tool-tuesday-14/> (blog by Dr. Toledo about word clouds)

Presentation Tools

- <http://www.edistorm.com/> (collaborating website using post-its)
- <http://www.glogster.com/> (present with a virtual poster)
- <http://webtools4u2use.wikispaces.com/Presentation+Tools> (wikispaces that shares web 2.0 presentation tools)
- <http://drctedd.wordpress.com/2011/02/01/web-tool-tuesday-3/> (blog by Dr. Toledo about presentation tools)

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*A Quick Guide
To Wordle and Prezi*

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Wordle

(The creative word cloud)

1. Go to www.wordle.net
2. Click on "Create your own."
3. Paste text into the first box, or you may enter in URL addresses in the other two choices to gather all of the words you want.
4. Click "Go."
5. You can either a) click on "Randomize" at the bottom of the screen, or b) change font layout and color at the top of the screen.
6. Once you find the perfect cloud, click "Save to Public Gallery"
7. Give your Wordle a title and an author. Include comments if you prefer. Then Press "OK."
8. IMPORTANT: If you want to find your Wordle again, you MUST copy and save your location address or you may not find it again! Wordle does not have a search option yet.
9. You then have the option to print out your Wordle or open it in another window. Again, make sure you save the location address if you want to see it again!

Educator Testimonials

"Prezi is a slick alternative for those who want to stay on track, impress their audience, and access their creations for download or to share them over the internet."

<http://therainblog.com/prezi-presentations-take-your-power-points-to-the-next-level/>

"We will never go back to using PowerPoint again, Prezi is brilliant."

<http://www.prezitraining.co.uk/clients-testimonials/>

Wordle is a "simply delicious product:"

<http://bergells.com/two-easy-wordle-website-branding-exercises>

"Just like Wordle designs, the possibilities for learning with Wordle are seemingly endless."

http://www.cccconnection.com/index.php/about_you/blog/wonderful_ways_to_work_with_wordle



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Prezi

(The better alternative to PowerPoint)

1. Go to <http://prezi.com/>
2. Create an account. (Browse the "Features" and "Prezis we like" sections on the home page)
3. You may create a profile if you wish.
4. To start a new Prezi, click on "New Prezi."
5. Begin inserting shapes, video clips, words, etc. in all types of fonts and colors.
6. If you would like to use a picture for a background, make sure you stretch it out as much as possible, and then right click on the mouse and "send backward" or "send to back."
7. Remember to use "path" to keep the order of your presentation.
8. The Prezi saves as you go. You can press the play button at any time to see the progress (it will not always start from the beginning, so double click on the blank space and then click where you want it to start).
9. You may edit with others simultaneously or download it to your desktop!